

NORMANTON ON TRENT WITH MARNHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at 7.00pm,

Tuesday 21st March 2023, 7.00pm, Normanton on Trent Village Hall

Present:

Councillors:

P Whitby (Chair)	J Clayton
S Nolleth	P Simpson
D Hope	A Winfrow
R Parker	A Fox
R Bentley	

Clerk:

R Jeffries

Representatives

Mr A Collins & Mr R Laxton– JG Pears

Members of the Public:

Mrs D Wardell

18/23 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from D/Cllr Isard and Cllr Spink.

Action

19/23 Update from J G Pears

An update was provided by JG Pears in advance of the meeting, a copy of which is published on the Council website.

Points noted at the meeting were:

- Mr Collins reported that the plans for the new Gatehouse have been approved by Bassetlaw DC.
- An application for new security fencing has been submitted.
- Due to recent high winds, a section of the bio-filter roof was lost. An emergency repair is likely to take place in two/three weeks time.

To keep people informed, the Community Page on the JG Pears website is kept up to date with planned works or unusual activity - <https://jgpears.com/community-liaison/>

The Council thanked Mr Laxton and Mr Collins for the update and for attending the meeting.

20/23 Meeting closed for Public Open Session of five minutes

There were no issues raised under this item.

21/23 Matters arising from the Public Open Session

See above.

22/23 Minutes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday 17th January 2023

The minutes were approved, proposed by Cllr Clayton, seconded by Cllr Fox.

23/23 Matters to report from the Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 17th January 2023

Memorial Bench

Cllr Bentley agreed to remind the contractors of their obligation to install the fence and to advise of an installation date.

Village Hall Jubilee Plaque

In progress.

Donations to the Diocese/Local Churches

The Council discussed the recent email from Notts ALC which stated that Parish Council's are advised not donate to local churches. **Action:** Clerk to write to Normanton and Marnham Parish Church Councils to explain this guidance. Clerk to seek further advice from NALC as to whether church-yard related maintenance could be undertaken under the VIA EM Lengthsman Scheme.

Noticeboard on South Street

To be discussed at a later meeting.

24/23 Parish Council Elections – Completion of Nomination Forms

Candidate Nomination Forms were signed by Councillors and the Clerk agreed to deliver them to Worksop Town Hall on 29th March.

25/23 Village Playground Proposal

Cllr Nolleth reported that a map of the playground area has been produced.

26/23 Financial MattersBassetlaw DC Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Award Agreements

The Agreements were signed by the Chair and the Clerk.

Balance of Accounts and Approval of Payments for March 2023:

The transactions below were approved by the Parish Council, proposed by Cllr Bentley, seconded by Cllr Clayton.

Opening bank balance £6101.11

NUMBER	PAYEE/CREDITOR	RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS
R14	Donation from D/Cllr Isard	£200.00	
P24	Mr D Mills – Cemetery Maintenance and Expenses		£387.89
P25	Normanton Village Hall Invoice 2023/002 – Jan Meeting		£15.00
P26	Richard Watkinson Ltd Invoice KT10021		£96.00
P27	NALC Subscription 2023/24		£133.72
P28	Clerk's Expenses – 123 Reg Website Domain Renewal		£14.39
P29	Clerk's Salary February to March 2023		£423.94
P30	Tennants "30 MPH" Road signs		£108
P31	Mr D Allen – Clock Winding Services		£150.00
P32	Bassetlaw DC Invoice 40051283 – Wheelie Bins		£191.36
	TOTALS	£200.00	£1519.80
	BALANCE TO CARRY FORWARD		£4781.31

Ringfenced funds are detailed as: £200 from the NALC Transparency Fund, £3508.38 CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) Funding from Bassetlaw DC, £380 for Playground Donation.

27/23 Highways Matters

There appear to be numerous potholes within the Parish that need attention. These can be reported to the Clerk (with the location and a photograph where possible) or they can be reported on the "My Notts" app.

28/23 Planning Matters

- 23/00243/SCR – Screening at Former High Marnham Power Station
- 23/00090/FUL – Underground cable at Former High Marnham Power station

The Parish Council had no objections to the above proposals.

29/23 Crime Update

PC Mitchell's update was circulated in advance of the meeting. The Council acknowledged his proposal to hold local Police Surgeries by visiting local community groups/meetings, however, it was agreed that Normanton/Marnham does not have such groups.

30/23 Parish Burial Ground

The Council noted that the Burial Ground is well maintained and passed on its thanks to Mr Mills for his tireless efforts in keeping the area looking very presentable.

Action: Cllr Winfrow undertook to re-paint the cemetery shed in the summer.

AW

31/23 Allotments

The three tenants have confirmed that they wish to retain their allotment plots and the Clerk will request payment from them.

RJ

32/23 Correspondence

- Notts CC/VIA EM Lengthsman Scheme – This is a scheme whereby a local contractor is appointed to undertake community related tasks within the Parish, such as grass/hedge cutting, cleaning road signs, etc and the Parish Council invoice VIA EM for the cost of the works. The Chair confirmed that he has discussed the scheme with a local contractor and requested the Clerk confirm the intentions in writing and then enrol the Council into the scheme.

RJ

33/23 Any other Business

"It's 30 for a Reason" road signs

The Council thanked Cllr Simpson for installing the signs in Marnham and Normanton.

Litter Pick – Postponed

The original date of 26th March was postponed due to lack of organisers. It was rearranged to the weekend of 1st/2nd April with equipment being made available to volunteers at Cllr Nolleth's house. Particular areas to be addressed are Polly Taylors Lane, South Street, and Fledborough Road.

Coronation of the King

Cllr Nolleth reported that there are two Coronation Events planned – a party at the Square and Compass pub on Saturday 6th May and a family picnic in the grounds of Normanton Hall on Sunday 7th May. The events will be publicised around the village.

Normanton Scout Group

Cllr Nolleth reported that the Scout Group leaders are due to retire and she agreed to discuss further with the Chair.

Parishes Together

In January of this year the Parish Council was contacted by two Parish Councillors from Fledborough who had recently been made aware of proposed developments on the Old High Marnham Power Station site.

They suggested working together on issues that impacted us all, basically "Parishes Together" was reformed and a meeting arranged.

There were representatives from Grassthorpe, North and South Clifton, Fledborough and Normanton at the meeting.

The Normanton Chair suggested looking at all issues that impact our communities, the councillor from Fledborough who lead the meeting made it absolutely clear she only wanted to challenge proposed developments on the old High Marnham Power Station site, and discuss nothing else.

Meetings with local county councillors had been organised giving others no time to make themselves available to attend these meetings, no minutes of any meetings were produced (minutes of first meeting were sent out to a wide audience just prior to the second meeting after Normanton's PC Chair requested these, no draft sent out for approval)

Normanton PC has worked with Pears for many years and has a close working relationship with them. Members of the PC who attended the meeting felt that this group was being lead down a path it felt uncomfortable with and didn't wish to be part of, hence the PC was questioned and the opinion of the majority was Normanton PC should not be part of this group.

34/23 Business for the next meeting

- Noticeboard on South Street

35/23 Date of next meeting

Tuesday 16th May 2023, Low Marnham Church Room.
7pm – Annual Parish Meeting
7.15pm – Parish Council AGM

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm **Signed**.....**Chairman** **Dated**.....